



MIAMI TOWNSHIP BYLAWS AND RULES FOR PARK GOVERNMENT

1. Hours of Operation: All Miami Township Parks shall be open from 6:00 A.M. to dusk or at such other times as the Township Administrator authorizes.

2. PRESERVATION OF PROPERTY AND NATURAL FEATURES No person shall injure, deface, disturb or befoul any part of the park nor any building, sign, equipment or other property found therein; nor shall any tree, flower, shrub, rock or other mineral be removed, injured or destroyed.

3. GARBAGE, REFUSE, ASHES, SEWAGE AND WASTE MATERIAL No person shall deposit, permit or suffer to be deposited, in any of the park, any garbage, ashes, sewage, refuse or any waste material whatsoever, otherwise than in receptacles or pits provided for such purposes; nor dump any earth within the park without specific written permit from the Township Administrator.

No person shall bring into or cause to be brought into the parks from outside park boundaries, any garbage, ashes, sewage, or refuse or depositing in any manner within the park.

No person shall, within the parks, discharge into, throw, cause, lay, drop or leave in any river, brook, stream, storm sewer, or drain flowing into or through the park, or into any river, brook or stream which may be tributary to any river, brook, or stream flowing into or through the park, any substance, matter, or thing whether liquid or solid, which may or shall result in the pollution of the river, brook or stream within the park to such an extent as to unreasonably or improperly prevent or interfere with the conservation of the natural resources of the park, preventing, interfering with, or lessening, to an improper or unreasonable degree, the use of said river, brook, or stream for recreational or other proper park uses,

4. HUNTING AND MOLESTING WILDLIFE No person within the confines of the park, unless authorized by written permit of the Township Administrator, shall hunt, pursue with dogs, trap, molest, harm, harass, injure, or take wild bird or animal found within the confines of the park, or therein rob or molest any bird nest or take the eggs of any bird.

5. FIRES No person shall start a fire in the park except small fires for cooking purposes in park grills, or privately owned grills, or fires in places or designated areas approved for such purposes without written permit from the Board and/or the Township Administrator. The Township Administrator at his/her discretion shall prohibit fires or smoking for limited periods at any location or for any purposes then necessary for the protection of park property. All fires shall be put out by the person or persons starting or using the same before leaving the immediate vicinity of the fire.

6. WEAPONS No person, except authorized employees or agents of the Board and/or Township Administrator shall possess a firearm, deadly weapon, dangerous ordnance, or air rifle, sling shot, or missile throwing device, within the park, or discharge any firearm, deadly weapon,



dangerous ordinance, or air rifle therein without specific permit from the Board and/or Township Administrator.

7. CAMPS No person shall establish or maintain any camp or other temporary lodging place within the park, without specific written permit from the Board and/or Township Administrator, except in locations especially set aside by the Board and/or Township Administrator as camps.

8. DISORDERLY CONDUCT No person shall remain in the park who does not abide by the BYLAWS AND RULES FOR PARK GOVERNMENT. In addition, no individual shall remain in the park who does not abide by instructions and directions of duly authorized peace officers or agents of the Board of Trustees of Miami Township in the lawful performance of their duties. Any person ordered to leave the park shall do so promptly and peaceably.

The following activities shall be a proper basis for the forcible removal of any individual from the Park or the imposition of fines and penalties as set forth below:

A. Violation of any BYLAW OR RULE FOR PARK GOVERNMENT.

B. Violation of any Section of the Ohio Revised Code.

C. Use, sale, or possession of intoxicating liquor or beer as defined in Section 4301.01 or as authorized by special permit of the Board of Trustees of Miami Township.

D. Use, sale or possession of any controlled substance or harmful intoxicant as defined by Section 2925.01 of the Revised Code.

E. Any person deemed to be under the influence of beer, intoxicating liquor, or other controlled or harmful substances shall be removed.

F. Being in the Park after dark.

G. Trespassing in Park areas which are under construction or specifically prohibited and identified by proper signage.

9 . Traffic Rules:

A. No person shall drive or propel or cause to be driven or propelled along or over any road within the park, any vehicle at a greater rate of speed than ten (10) miles per hour.

B. No person shall park or store any motor car, motorcycle, bicycle, wagon or other vehicle within the park, except in places and at such times designated by the Board and/or Township Administrator for such purposes.

C. The state laws regulating equipment on vehicles shall apply to vehicles within the park.

D. No portion of the park shall be used for a roadway except paved or graveled drives. Roadways, paths, walks and trails established for pedestrian travel, shall not be used for vehicular travel.



E. No person shall drive or propel any vehicle along or over any park road in a reckless manner without due regard for the safety of pedestrians and drivers and all other occupants of any vehicle.

F. No person shall drive or propel or cause to be driven or propelled along or over any park road, any truck, commercial car, trailer, semi-trailer, pole trailer, bus or commercial tractor, unless authorized by the Board and/or Township Administrator to make deliveries within the park, or unless engaged in work in the park that has been contracted for with the Board and/or Township Administrator, or unless delivering or picking up persons using a truck or trailer as transportation to or from the park area. No vehicles in excess of five (5) tons gross vehicular weight will be used to transport people to or from a park area without prior written permit from the Board and/or Township Administrator.

G. No person shall drive or propel any vehicle along or over any park road without complying with all traffic signs and all posted traffic regulations.

H. No person, except authorized agents of the Board and/or Township Administrator, shall ride any horse or other animal within the park.

10. Miscellaneous Rules:

A. No person shall drive or propel or cause a golf ball to be driven or propelled within the park.

B. **RESERVED AREAS:** Certain sections of the parks may be reserved. Reserved areas of the park will be conspicuously marked and shall be determined based on need by the Township Administrator. Areas may only be reserved via a permit issued by the Township Administrator

C. **DOMESTIC ANIMALS GRAZING:** No person shall herd, graze, drive or permit to run at large within the park, any cattle, horse, mule, donkey, goat, swine, sheep, or other animal, or any poultry or other fowl, without the specific permit of the Board and/or Township Administrator.

F. **DOMESTIC ANIMALS, LEASH, EXCLUSIONS:** No person shall bring into, have or keep in the park, any animal destructive of wildlife, nor shall any person bring into or permit within the park a domestic dog or a domestic cat unless such is under constant control and supervision and held on a leash no longer than six feet in length. This section does not assure admittance of park visitors with their pets to such locations and at such times as may conflict with Board of Health requirements or preservation of public safety and order within the park.

G. **DOMESTIC ANIMALS, SUPERVISION:** No pets or other animals shall be allowed to disturb or become a nuisance to other users of the park. The determination of disturbing animal behavior shall be within the sole discretion of the Township Administrator or his/her designated representative.

H. **DOMESTIC ANIMALS, REMOVAL OF FECAL MATTER:** It shall be the duty and responsibility of the owner, keeper, or person in control of any pet which has deposited any fecal matter on Park trails or in Park recreation areas, to immediately cause said fecal matter to be



removed and deposited in a suitable container or receptacle under the immediate control of the owner, keeper, or person in control of the pet.

I. DOMESTIC ANIMALS, PETS IN PLAY AREAS: Pets are not permitted in play equipment areas.

11. PRESERVATION OF GOOD ORDER IN THE PARKS:

No individual or organization shall conduct, sponsored or promote any public meeting, concert, theater, athletic event or other public activity in the parks without prior authorization of the Board. No event or activity sponsored or promoted by an individual or organization shall be permitted if, in the opinion of the Board, it will constitute hazards and dangers to the personal safety of the participants or other park visitors; endangers peace and good order in the parks; interferes with the regular and normal use of the facilities and activities by park visitors; or which is inconsistent with the use of the park for park purposes.

12. TERMS:

The term "park" as used herein, means any land owned or controlled by the Board of Trustees of Miami Township.

The term "board" as used herein, means the Board of Miami Township Trustees.

The term "person" includes natural person and corporations.

The term "pet" shall mean any privately owned animal, whether domestic or wild.

13. PENALTIES

Any person violating any of the foregoing rules and regulations and any amendments or additions thereto shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not exceeding one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for the first offense, nor more than five hundred (\$500.00) for each second or further offense; Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 505.261 and applicable Resolutions of the Miami Township Trustees.

14. EFFECTIVE DATE

These rules and regulations shall take effect and be in force as of August 27, 1991.